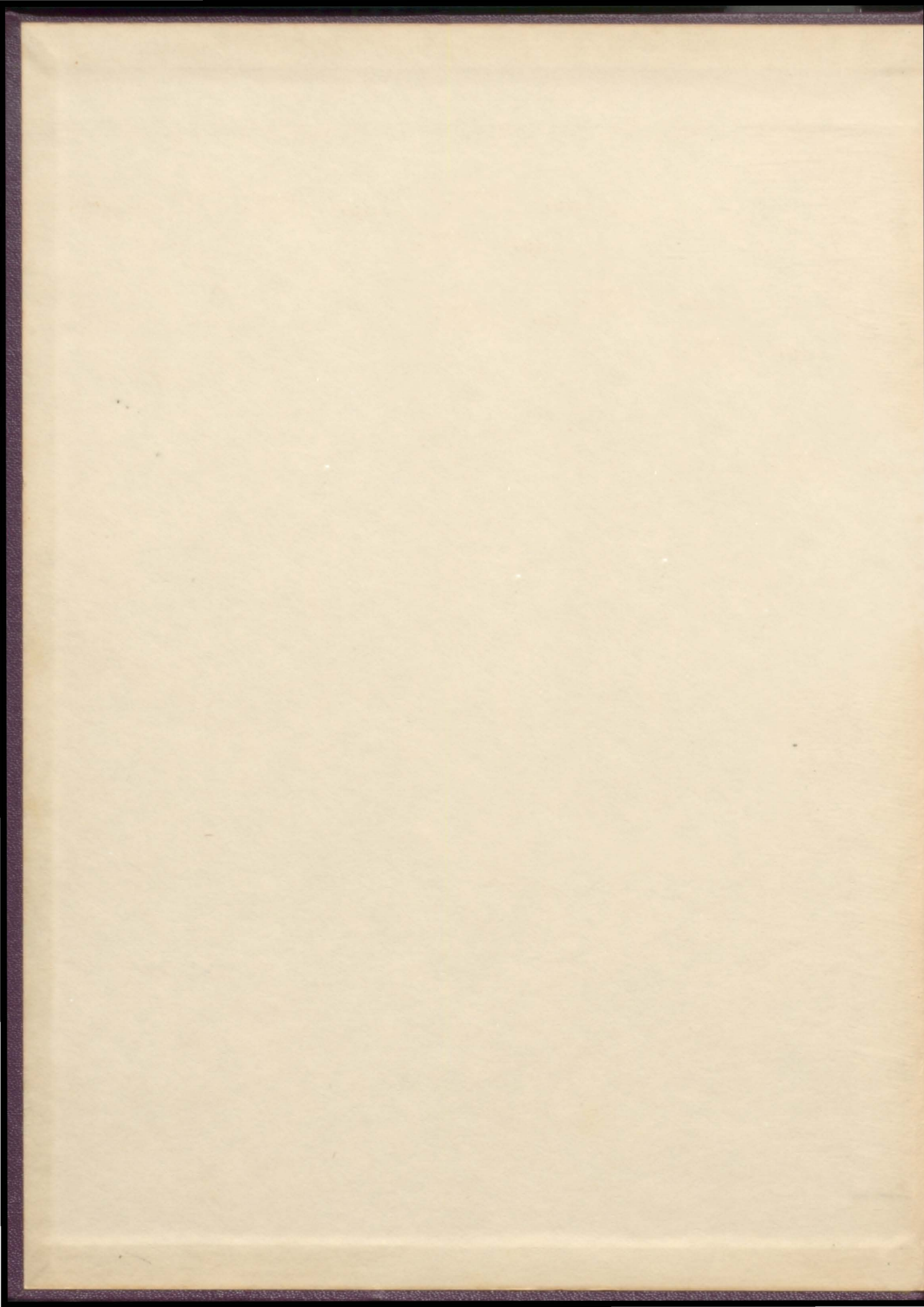


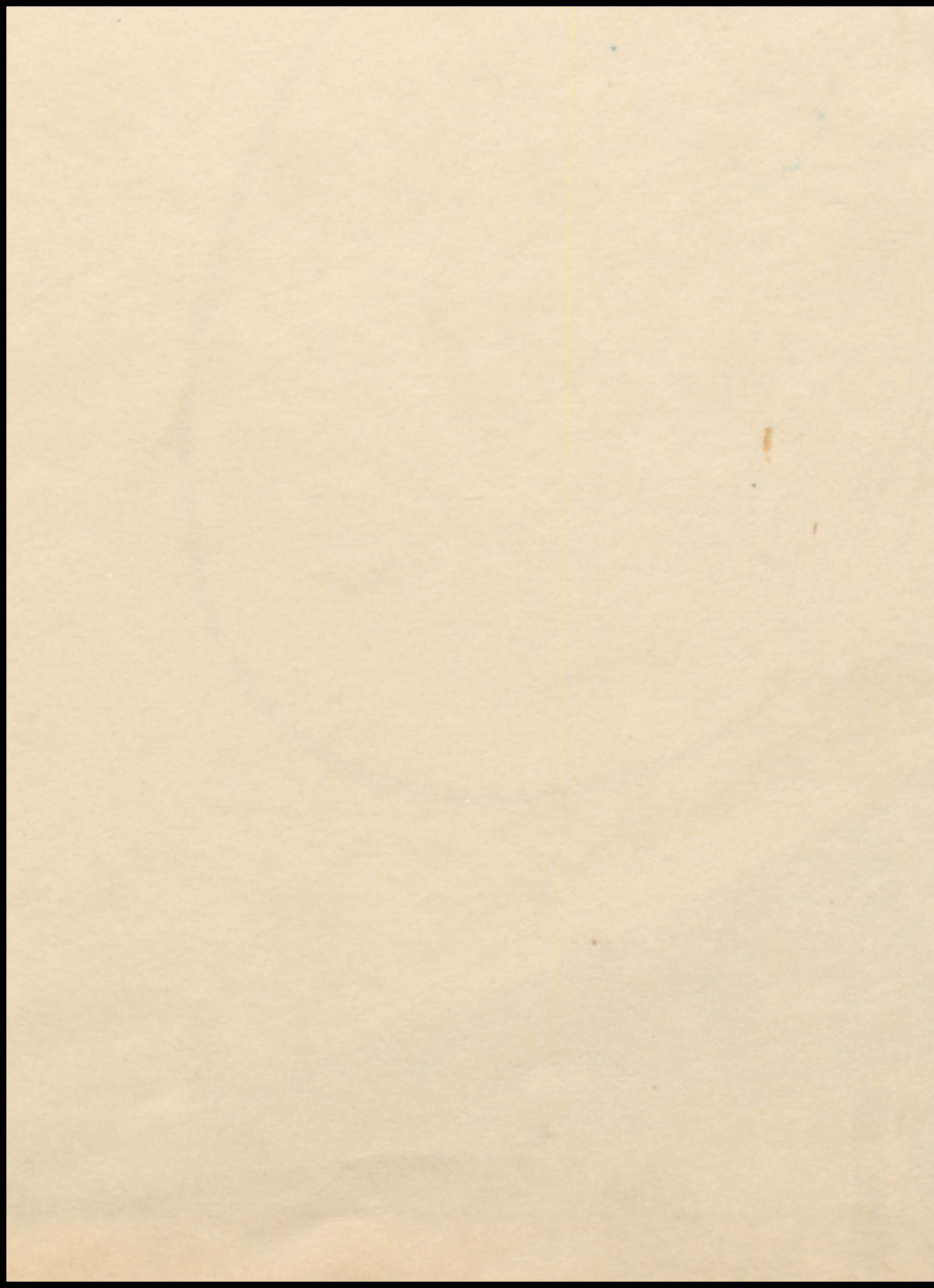
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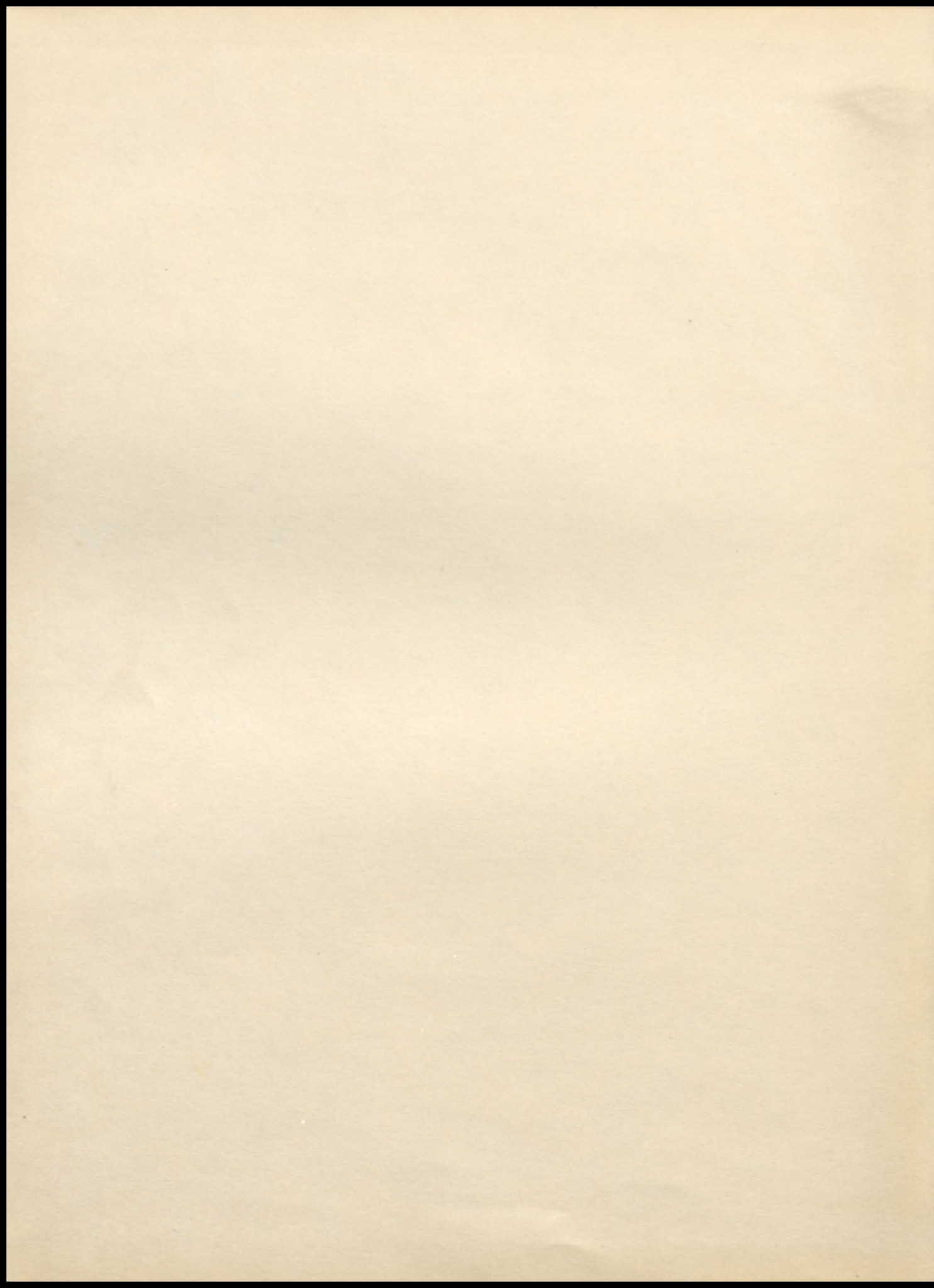


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# D E D I C A T I O N



We, the Senior class of 1951, dedicate this Resume' to Albert F. Laurence for his understanding, co-operation, and ability as a teacher and as an administrator. Mr. Laurence has taught in Armstrong High School for twenty-nine years, serving as principal since 1928. Some of the subjects he has taught here at Armstrong have been Mathematics, General Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Sociology.

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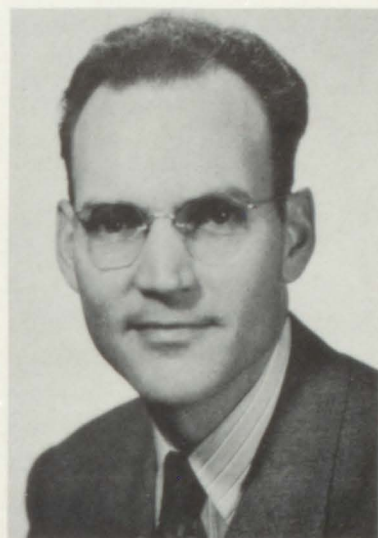




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Activities Editor

Dear Students,

We, the editors of RESUME, decided to become very nosy. By prying into the diaries of several Seniors we obtained the following excerpts. We sympathize greatly with the baton girl who gets blisters on her heels when she twirls, and we learn from the diary of a boy how his ego was inflated by the majority of boys in the honor group. By glancing through the pages we recall many of the highlights of the year. There were basketball games, plays, and so many exciting experiences.

Yes, this does bring back many pleasant memories. We hope all of you had as much fun as we did, and, dear Seniors, please don't be too angry with us. Your diaries were so interesting that we couldn't resist borrowing a few for our precious RESUME.

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*December 11, 1950*

*Dear Diary,*

*At Senior Class meeting yesterday  
we talked about*



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# SENIOR CLASS of 1951

Dear Diary,

A Senior - a dignified Senior! It hardly seems possible that I've been here four years! It seems just like yesterday that I ran around these halls madly hunting my classroom. How clearly I remember my embarrassment and my fright. I soon lost that. Now I sort of wish I were still sitting looking longingly at the Senior row. It's exciting, all right, to plan for the future, but no matter how I plan I'm sure I'll never have four years packed as full of pleasant memories and good friends as these four. It's certainly true that you never realize how much dear old AHS means to you until graduation draws near.

We have accomplished much these four years. One of the happiest moments of my school career was sponsoring the prom at the Hotel Wolford in Danville with the theme "Moonlight and Roses." The Junior Play, "Love is Too Much Trouble," was a great success, too. Everyone worked hard selling ads, taking pictures and making up the annual which was a real job.

We have chosen purple caps and gowns with gold tassels for graduation, May 30. Several of the Seniors are going to display their talents for part of the program for graduation. We have asked Dr. Preston Bradly to be our speaker.

With Mr. A. F. Laurence and Mrs. Gertrude Fisher as advisors the Seniors are presenting "Our Miss Brooks" as the Senior Play. A Senior trip is planned as a climax for our four wonderful years together.



Class Officers: Pat Ervin, Treasurer;  
Deloris Sjoken, Vice President;  
Carolyn Gitzen, Secretary  
Kneeling: Jon Ellis, President.





**BETTY ARNOLD**

A gal who knows her way around,  
With Wilbur she's on familiar ground.

**ROBERT AULT**

He's quite a guy in every way,  
See what the girls have to say.



**GERALD BROWN**

A guy who's never really quiet,  
When he's around things are a riot.

**LARRY BUCK**

Larry's kind of quiet and shy,  
But an awful ornery little guy.



**MARCELLA BUCK**

She is our girl with golden curls,  
Which are the envy of all the girls.

**THOMAS BUCK**

Tommy's one of Armstrong's shyler lads,  
A little mischievous, not really bad.



**VERNON BUSBOOM**

Handsome, co-operative, and capable  
As Resume Editor he proved very able.

**EDNA BUSSARD**

She has dimples in her cheeks  
That smile everytime she speaks.





**BARBARA CHESNUT**

Dainty and sweet and quite petite,  
As jolly a friend as you'll ever meet.

**NORMA CLER**

Oh, Norma's very fond of art,  
And well liked from the start.



**ELSIE COLLINS**

She has eyes of deepest blue,  
She likes baton and English, too.



**EVELYN DOWNING**

Evelyn, cheerleader of our class,  
Is a mighty frisky little lass.



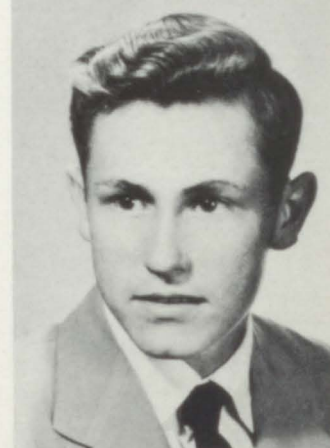
**PAUL EARLY**

A helpful guy who's quite a lad,  
Liked by his classmates, never bad.



**JON ELLIS**

He is the president of our class  
And attracts the eyes of many a lass.



**PAT ERVIN**

A friendly gal to everyone,  
She never misses any fun.



**CARL FISHER**

A tall and shy basketball star,  
One of the quieter lads by far.







**VINCENT FLEMING**

A short and mighty man is he,  
As full of fun as he can be.



**CAROLYN GITZEN**

She willingly does whatever is asked,  
From the very least to the greatest task,



**LLOYD HILLEARY**

A Senior boy who has lots of fun  
Making friends with everyone.



**HAROLD HOVELN**

He thinks Ogden is quite sublime,  
So there he often spends his time.



**MARTIN FRYE**

He knows all about any airplane,  
To build his models he takes much pain.



**FLOYD HILLEARY**

He's always smiling where're he is;  
At teasing he's really a whiz.



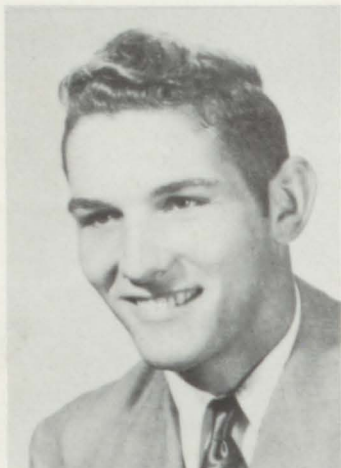
**BILL HARPER**

Bill thinks teasing all girls is fun,  
But there's never a special one.



**WILBERT HOVELN**

He's the guy who's in most of the fun,  
But he always looks the innocent one.



**EDWARD JAMES**

Handsome, stalwart, and steady,  
Uncle Sam's called Ed already.



**LEE JAMES**

In basketball and baseball he does excel,  
He thinks a certain Junior girl is swell.



**DEAN JOHNSON**

As Dr. Pillsey, Dean was a hit;  
Speaking of fun, he's sure it.



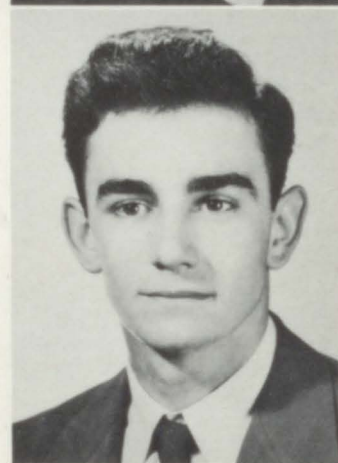
**DORIS KIRBY**

A maid with charming ways,  
Laughs and giggles fill her days.



**DOREEN MARRON**

When you look into her beautiful eyes,  
You think of an angel in disguise.



**JACK McCLELLAN**

Jack says whatever he thinks,  
Whether it's good or whether it stinks.



**DARLENE MOORE**

Here's quite a Senior gal,  
Who has everyone for her pal.



**JAMES MORRIS**

Smiling and easy going is our Jim;  
He has the personality that will win.





**ARNOLD RADEMACHER**

Arnold's a tall and quiet Senior guy,  
Who'll make a name in wood carving by 'n' by.



**GEORGE RASMUSSEN**

A tall, handsome, Senior guy  
Who's quite nice and rather shy.



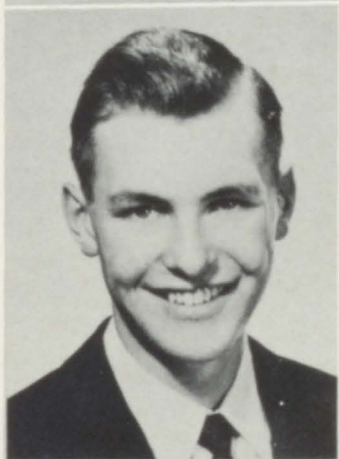
**DELORIS SJOKEN**

A girl who seems to get around,  
In Rantoul she's usually found.



**ELSIE VAUGHN**

A smiling personality plus,  
Elsie never raises a fuss.



**CHARLES VINSON**

Always too busy for meetings and such,  
Maybe he's seeing Marilyn too much.



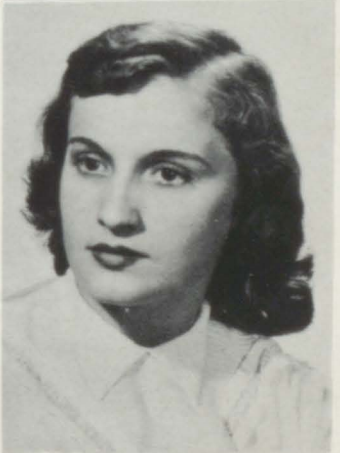
**JAMES WALLACE**

Quite a personality and a ready smile,  
With him laughter is always the style.



**LOWELL WATSON**

He's not lazy; at the best  
He's just in love with rest.



**JANET ZINDARS**

A girl who vowed not to date,  
Some certain guy sure must rate.

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Dear Diary,

Well, school's almost over and the Seniors became a little reckless the other day and each willed some of his most precious abilities, characteristics and possessions to underclassmen. I thought I'd just stick a copy of the will in my diary so I could remember these things.

- I, Betty Arnold, will my ability to go steady to Juanita Adkins.
- I, Bob Ault, will my interest in Hoopeston to Wendell Duncan. What will Potomac say now?
- I, Gerald Brown, will my ability to chum around with Jon Ellis to Ann Ludwig. Take good care of him, Ann; he's my best friend.
- I, Larry Buck, will my good behavior around school to Jerry Cain. Now you'll never get into trouble, Jerry!
- I, Marcella Buck, will my collection of True Romances to Richard Hanners. They're much better than comic books.
- I, Tom Buck, will my ability to read comic books in school time to my brother Franky. Just don't get caught. It isn't much fun to sit in the office.
- I, Vernon Busboom, will my ability to concentrate on one girl, with so little effort, to William Loschen.
- I, Edna Bussard, will my ability to type stencils for the "Royal Purple" to John Plotner; also my bottle of correction fluid.
- I, Barbara Chesnut, will my tonsils, which were recently removed, to Mr. Jeffers. They are quite interesting specimens.
- I, Norma Cler, will my famous art work to Kate Buck; my hillbilly singing to Barbara Halcomb.
- I, Elsie Collins, will my blue eyes to Peggy Warren. Now you can't go around singing "Beautiful Brown Eyes."
- I, Evelyn Downing, will my quick wit to Dick Madigan; not that I think he really needs it.
- I, Paul Early, will my ability to blush to Mildred Woodard. It's not as easy as you think.
- I, Jon Ellis, will my executive ability and my interest in Freshmen girls to Doc Brown. They are both hard to get!
- I, Pat Ervin, will my tendencies to be an English teacher, as Our Miss Brooks, to Dixie Cler.
- I, Carl Fisher, will my long set shots to Paul Hesterberg because we have so much in common.
- I, Vincent Fleming, will my exuberant personality to Joe Curtis. A smile works wonders with the ladies!
- I, Martin Frye, will my interests in airplanes to Clark Ervin because he is always up in the air anyway.
- I, Carolyn Gitzen, will my DAR award and my ability to be Valedictorian to Ann Early. You've got a good start, Ann!
- I, Floyd Hilleary, will my typing on the newspaper and my girl at Oakwood to Larry Plotner. Both may give you many troubles.
- I, Lloyd Hilleary, will my ability to get along with everyone in school, especially girls, to Lyle Cornell.
- I, William Harper, will my Chevy to Teddy Bickers. Put your horns on my car. They will sound better.
- I, Harold Hovel, will my interest in Industrial Arts to Gene Whitt. Hold that temper!
- I, Wilbert Hovel, will my ability to leave school every day after lunch to Joe Cler. Have fun, Joe!
- I, Ed James, will my physique and my army boots to Bill Brown. You'll grow into them.
- I, Lee James, will my interest in baseball and basketball to Ronnie Holt. I hope you can make first ten next year.
- I, Dean Johnson, will my interest in Rantoul to Danny Buck. Watch those two girls on the corner!
- I, Doris Kirby, will my interest in square dancing at Rankin to Alice Polson. Next time don't wear high heels!
- I, Daren Marron, will my ability to have a date every night and skate with soldiers at the skating rink to Aleta Addy.
- I, Jack McClellan, will my ability to figure everything out scientifically - even to my romances - to Russell Murrell.
- I, Darlene Moore, will my interest in Chemistry to Pat Jones. Don't blow the high school up. Other girls and boys might want to go.
- I, James Morris, will my good study habits and my "yearning for learning" to Norman Busboom.
- I, Arnold Rademacher, will my interest in Ag. to Shirley Ellis. Don't let it interfere with your FFA.
- I, George Rasmussen, will my shyness to Ronnie Mietzler and my class ring to Joe Curtis. I understand he lost his.
- I, Deloris Spoken, will my interest in Rantoul to Alberta Riddell. There's many a cute boy there, Alberta.
- I, Elsie Vaughn, will my interest in tall, handsome blondes to Dorothy Clapp. What will Russell Ault say?
- I, Charles Vinson, do not will my interest in Marilyn McClellan to anybody, but I will the romantic corners around school to Arnold Wilken.
- I, James Wallace, will my good grades and my personality to Sherry Halcomb.
- I, Lowell Watson, will my little Ford with the yellow wheels to anybody who wants it. It just fell apart, again, last Saturday night.
- I, Janet Zindars, will my disinterest in boys to Mary Evelyn Buck.



Dear Diary,

A group of us girls decided to speculate on the fortunes of the forty Seniors with whom we've been so close these past four years. When I read this prophecy twenty years from now, just how accurate do you suppose it will be?

**JIMMY WALLACE**, a famous referee at Madison Square Garden, was recently heard to say to a couple of fighters who had been stomping on his feet, "If you guys don't stay off my feet, there's going to be a fight in here!"

**BARBARA CHESNUT** is now head keeper of the Insane Asylum in Armstrong. She was chosen out of one thousand applicants as having the best qualifications.

**JIMMY MORRIS** has dedicated his life to tracking down the "thing." He is now studying the possibility that it is a mad Russian!

**BUD VINSON** is head detective in the "Defective Detective Agency." They have a rope hanging in their window beneath which hangs a sign reading, "Ketch 'em and Stretch 'em!"

**TOMMY BUCK** recently made the news headlines when he was mopping up the deck on a submarine and it submerged. It came up hours later to find Tommy still scouring the deck---with a fish in one hand and an oyster in the other.

**JON ELLIS**, who was working in a bank at Penfield, was last seen leaving town with a black suitcase. The bank is now out of business.

**PAT ERVIN** was last heard from in Pick A. Millionaire City in Florida. Her motto is "Get Rich the Easy Way."

**MARTIN FRYE** now owns forty-four airplanes and an airport. His motto is "Ride With Me--Be Closer to Heaven."

**DORIS KIRBY** is now employed as chief cook and bottle washer in the "Skunk Perfume Factory" where she washes out old Clorox bottles in which the perfume is put.

**BILL HARPER** is now farming a half acre farm out west where he is raising blue grass for grass skirts.

**PETE WATSON** is a bugler in the army. He has a lot of friends. His motto is "The Early Worm Gets the Bird."

**NORMA CLER** is a music teacher at "Sing Song." They are teaching her more about singing every day.

**ARNOLD RADEMACHER** is a famous dentist in Chicago. His motto is "Drill 'em and Chill 'em."

**WILBERT HOVELN**, who is a traffic cop, was released from the hospital yesterday. It seems he stopped **LARRY BUCK** to give him a ticket for speeding backward down a one way street and driving on the sidewalk. At the sight of a policeman, Larry lost control of the car.

**HAROLD HOVELN** is a hot rod driver on Armstrong's baseball field. He calls his car the "Skeleton Speed King."

**GERALD BROWN** now runs a bus between Rantoul and the Paxton skating rink. His motto is "Ride with Me--Heart Tonic Furnished."

**DEAN JOHNSON** is now selling false teeth to cannibals in South Africa. Their only complaint is that they don't fit over their other teeth very well. But Dean convinced them that they all fit like that.

**VERNON BUSBOOM**, who is a movie star in Penfield's Realto Theater, has just finished his picture entitled, "Who Did It, The Butler???"

**JACK McCLELLAN**, the famous millionaire, recently revealed his secret for success. He is raising rabbits. He believes in getting rich fast.

**BETTY ARNOLD** is now married and living on a ranch where she is busily raising horses and triplets Hop-a-Long, Drag-a-Long, and Tag-a-Long.

**FLOYD HILLEARY** now owns a barber shop called Cuttin' Lose. A sign in the window says, "We furnish Band-Aids with every haircut."

**LEE JAMES**, who is a great boxer in the United States, has been knocked out 88 times out of 87 fights. His last K. O. was with the Jones' rolling pin.

**DARLENE MOORE**, who liked Chemistry so well, is a scientist. She is trying to invent a jet-propelled pigeon who can fly to Wellington and back in ten minutes. Wonder why Wellington?

**GEORGE RASMUSSEN**, the famous artist and philosopher, has just finished his most famous portrait, a picture of the famous wrestling champ of the U.S., **JANET ZINDARS**, commonly known as Muscles Masher, or Bone Crusher Zindars.

**VINCENT FLEMING** is now a famous dentist in Alcatraz. He might seem rather small, but behind those tooth pullers he is a mighty man. His motto is "Sit Down, I'll Tie You In."

**EDDIE JAMES** is a captain in the Air Force and has been sky writing for the Burpsi Cola Company.

**DELORIS SJOKEN** is now a bubble gum dancer at Bubbles Inn in Penfield. Her career recently ended when someone smuggled a pin into the show.

**ELSIE VAUGHN** is now writing comic books called "Read Them in Assembly." They are designed with covers like textbooks to fool the teachers. She sells a lot to teachers, with covers like grade books, to fool the students.

**ELSIE COLLINS**, the great tonsil remover, is being charged for taking tonsils out and leaving the scissors in. Her motto is "Don't Swallow; Just Whack."

**LLOYD HILLEARY**, a great singing star on the radio, is heard from coast to coast singing for Super Suds. He recently acquired a new sponsor, "Did Soap." Their slogan is "Did Soap ain't never did nothin' to nobody, nohow."

**BOB AULT** is now a great basketball player at P. U. University. The team has won all of their games. Maybe it's because they drink Hadacol every morning.

**EDNA BUSSARD** was just discovered by movie thriller, Tarzan, as the next person to appear in his new picture, "The Jungle Skeleton."

**CAROLYN GITZEN**, who is now married to a big industrial tycoon, does his work while he runs the house.

**PAUL EARLY** is a famous Senator in Congress. He is making his bid for Presidency in the next election by running on the "Dishonest Party Ticket."

**EVELYN DOWNING**, who is a ballet dancer on Broadway, is busy at home with her thirteen little ballets.

**MARCELLA BUCK** is now a car dealer in Chicago selling black Ford Convertibles. She is known as "Crooked Buck, the Honest Car Dealer."

**DOREEN MARRON** is a Fuller Brush woman. She has made quite a record for herself as a saleslady. Her record for the past month has been the sale of three toothbrushes.

**CARL FISHER**, who is a world famous ditch digger, has gained renown for digging his way to China. I didn't know he liked rice that well.

# P R O P H E C Y

# S E N I O R A C T I V I E S

BETTY ARNOLD: FHA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4;  
Band 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3,4; ROYAL  
PURPLE 3,4; Class Play 3,4.

ROBERT AULT: FFA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2;  
ROYAL PURPLE 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2.

GERALD BROWN: FFA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3;  
Student Council 3; Class Play 3,4; Track 1,2.

LARRY BUCK: Glee Club 1,2,3; ROYAL PURPLE  
4; Basketball 2; Baseball 3,4.

MARCELLA BUCK: Vice-President 1; FHA 1,2,3,  
4; FHA Reporter 3; FHA Degree Chairman 4;  
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Speech 3; ROYAL PURPLE  
3,4; Class Play 4.

THOMAS BUCK: Secretary 3; FFA 1,2,3,4; Glee  
Club 2; Basketball 1,2.

VERNON BUSBOOM: Vice President 2; Treasurer  
3; FFA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3; Student Council  
4; RESUME Editor; Cheerleader 2; Baseball 1,2,  
3,4; Class Play 4.

EDNA BUSSARD: Buchanan, Michigan 1,2;  
FHA 1,2,3,4; ROYAL PURPLE 4.

BARBARA CHESNUT: FHA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club  
1,2,3,4; ROYAL PURPLE 4; Baton 1,2,4; Class  
Play 4.

NORMA CLER: FHA 1,2,3,4; FHA officer 2;  
Glee Club 1,2,4; ROYAL PURPLE 2,3,4;  
RESUME Staff; Class Play 3.

ELSIE COLLINS: Secretary-Treasurer 2; FHA 1,2,  
3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1;  
ROYAL PURPLE 4; Class Play 3,4; Baton 2,3,4.

EVELYN DOWNING: FHA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,  
3,4; ROYAL PURPLE 4; Cheerleader 4; Class  
Play 3,4; Baton 2,3,4.

PAUL EARLY: ROYAL PURPLE 4; RESUME  
Staff.

JON ELLIS: Vice President 3; President 4;  
FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Reporter 3; FFA President 4;  
Judging Team 2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3; Student  
Council 2.

PAT ERVIN: Secretary 1; President 2; Treasurer  
4; FHA 1; Glee Club 1; Band 1,2,3; Library 4;  
Student Council 3; ROYAL PURPLE 3; RESUME  
Staff; Cheerleader 2; Class Play 3,4.

CARL FISHER: Potomac 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; Glee  
Club 1; Band 1,2,3; ROYAL PURPLE 4;  
Basketball 1,2,3,4.

VINCENT FLEMING: FFA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,  
2,3,4; Library 1,3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Speech 3,4.

MARTIN FRYE: Speech 2.

CAROLYN GITZEN: President 3; Secretary 4;  
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Library 4;  
ROYAL PURPLE 3,4; Class Play 3,4; Brass  
Ensemble 4; DAR.

FLOYD HILLEARY: FFA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,  
3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; ROYAL PURPLE 4; Basketball  
2,3,4.



LLOYD HILLEARY: FFA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,  
3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Library 4; ROYAL PURPLE 4;  
Manager 3,4.

BILL HARPER: Mahomet 1,2,3; Monticello 1,2;  
FFA 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2; Library 3; Student  
Council 1; ROYAL PURPLE 4; Class Play 3;  
Basketball 1.

HAROLD HOVELN: FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Treasurer  
4; Library 4.

WILBERT HOVELN: FFA 1,2,3,4; Library 4.

EDWARD JAMES: Secretary-Treasurer 1; FFA 1,2,  
3; Judging Team 1; Glee Club 1; ROYAL PURPLE  
4; Basketball 2; Baseball 1,2,3.

LEE JAMES: FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Sentinel 4;  
Glee Club 1,2; Band 1,2; Student Council 3;  
ROYAL PURPLE 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball  
1,2,3,4; Track 1.

DEAN JOHNSON: Glee Club 1,2; Library 1,2,3,4;  
ROYAL PURPLE 4; RESUME Staff; Class Play  
3,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2;  
Manager 1,2.

DORIS KIRBY: Paxton 1; FHA 1,4; Glee Club 2,4;  
ROYAL PURPLE 3; Class Play 3,4.

DOREEN MARRON: Glee Club 1; Band 1,2,3,4;  
ROYAL PURPLE 4; FHA 1,2,3,4.

JACK McCLELLAN: FFA 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4;  
Student Council 4; ROYAL PURPLE 4; RESUME  
Staff; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; Track 1.

DARLENE MOORE: Wellington 1. FHA 1,2,3,4;  
FHA Reporter 4; Glee Club 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Class  
Play 4.

JAMES MORRIS: FFA 1,2,3,4; Judging Team 3;  
ROYAL PURPLE 4; Class Play 3; Basketball 2;

ARNOLD RADEMACHER: FFA 3,4.

GEORGE RASMUSSEN: Wellington 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,  
3; Glee Club 1; ROYAL PURPLE 4; Class Play 3;  
Basketball 3; Track 2.

DELORIS SJOKEN: Vice President 4; Glee Club  
1,2; Library 3; ROYAL PURPLE 4.

ELSIE VAUGHN: Loda 1; FHA 1,2,3,4; FHA  
Parliamentarian 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Student  
Council 4; ROYAL PURPLE 4; Class Play 3,4;  
Speech 3,4.

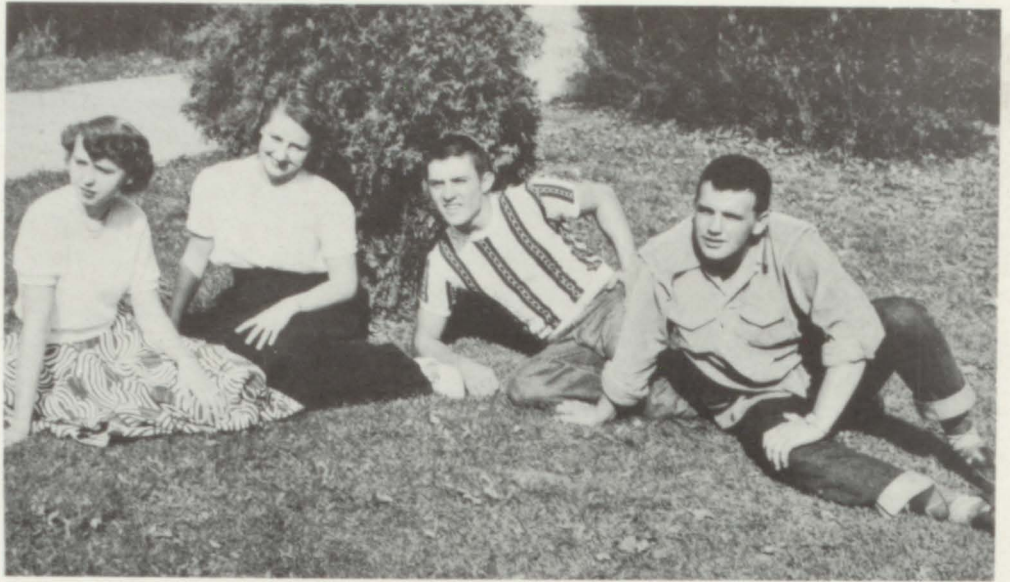
CHARLES VINSON: President 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA  
Secretary 4; Glee Club 1; Band 1,2,3,4; ROYAL  
PURPLE 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Solo Contest 1,4;  
Class Play 4.

JAMES WALLACE: FFA 1,2,3,4; Judging Team 3;  
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Student Council  
1; ROYAL PURPLE 4; Class Play 3; Basketball  
2; Baseball 2,3,4; Manager 4; Brass Ensemble 4.

LOWELL WATSON: Glee Club 1,2; Band 1,2;  
Library 4; ROYAL PURPLE 4; Basketball 1,2,3;  
Track 1.

JANET ZINDARS: St. Joseph 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4;  
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Library 2; ROYAL PURPLE 4;  
Baton 2,3,4; Speech 2;

# J U N I O R C L A S S of 1952



Shirley Ellis, Secretary; Donna Weinard, Vice President; Larry Plotner, Treasurer; Ronnie Meitzler, President.

Dear Diary,

Our first really big year! Jolly Juniors with a hand in many things. At class meeting today we discovered we're pretty rich from magazine and candy sales and the play. We just decided to have Johnny Bruce's Orchestra for the prom at the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel on May 3.

It will cost us our bank balance, but it will be worth it. Just think! A new formal and a corsage and staying out really late! I'm so excited already!

The play "Grandad Steps Out", was a great success in more ways than one. It seems play practice brought several new budding romances well along.

With our advisors, Mr. Ray Coffey and Mrs. Glenellen Woodward, we've had a big year.

Next year I get to sit in the SENIOR row!



Aleta Addy  
 Ted Bickers  
 Charles Brown  
 La Verne Bush  
 Jesse Cundiff



Joe Curtis  
 Wendell Duncan  
 Ann Early  
 Shirley Ellis  
 John Fruhling



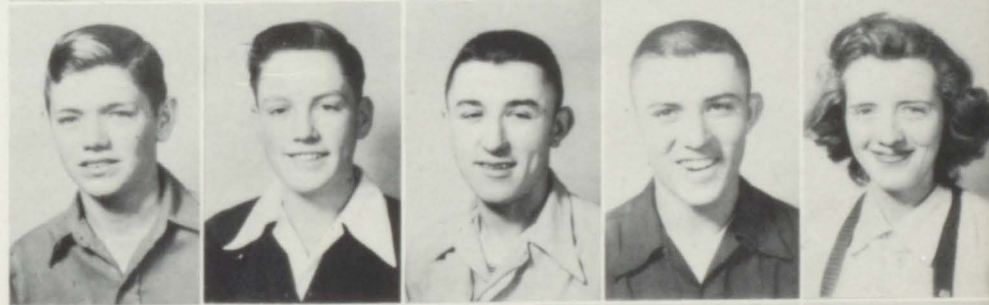
Iona Frye  
 Barbara Gordon  
 Bob Hagan  
 Sherrill Halcomb  
 Richard Hinners



Gerry Hogue  
 Ellen Hoveln  
 Patsy Jones  
 Marilyn McClellan  
 Ronnie Meitzler



Bob Miles  
 Russell Murrell  
 John Plotner  
 Larry Plotner  
 Alberta Riddell



Sylvia Saathoff  
 Louise Schlueter  
 Pat Warren  
 Donna Weinard  
 James Whitt



Absent: Keith Turner

# SOPHOMORE CLASSES of 1953



Danny Buck, Vice-President; Johannah Madigan, President; Loretta Frerichs, Secretary; Paul Hesterberg, Treasurer.

Dear Diary,

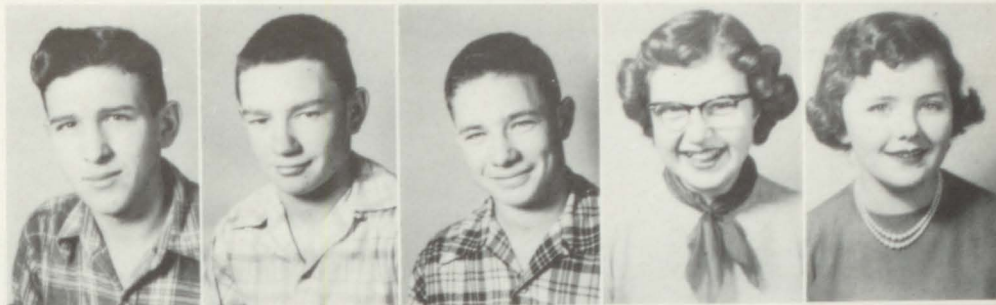
Facing new horizons with the bravery of the pioneering forty-niners, I started my high school career just one hundred years later in the fall of 1949. And now, at the half-century mark, I am a "Seasoned Sophomore!"

What fun we had this afternoon decorating the Christmas tree! As our first step in participating in things, (and getting out of classes), our Sophomore class gets to put on the Christmas Party. Dean Johnson will don a Santa Claus' suit and two pillows, and, acting as jolly ol' St. Nich himself, will distribute the Christmas gifts. Afterwards we'll have refreshments and everyone will get a bar of the bus drivers' candy. Then we go home for vacation!

We Sophomores are a busy class. We are already making plans for a Chili Supper and a Scrap Drive in the spring. We hope to have a generous bank balance when we give our Junior Prom in 1952. With Mr. Phil Pemberton and Mr. Robert Evans as our advisors, we're well on the way for our next two big years.



Ault, Russell  
 Buck, Dan  
 Buck, Frank  
 Buck, Bernadette  
 Buck, Catherine



Buck, Mary Evelyn  
 Busboom, Norman  
 Bruns, Ruth  
 Cain, Jerry  
 Clapp, Dorothy



Cler, Joe  
 Comell, Lyle  
 Cundiff, Helen  
 Curtis, Pat  
 Evans, Howard



Fisher, Robert  
 Fletcher, Rita  
 Foster, Jack  
 Frerichs, Loretta  
 Halcomb, Barbara



Hesterberg, Paul  
 Loschen, William  
 Madigan, Johannah  
 Millis, Harold  
 Moore, Delores



Rice, Pat  
 Tool, Joe  
 Warren, Peggy  
 Wilbur, Gordon



Absent: Alice Polson

# F R E S H M A N C L A S S

of  
1954



*Dixie Cler, Vice President; Ann Ludwig, Secretary-Treasurer;  
Richard Miles, President*

Dear Diary,

At last! High School! It's even more wonderful than I had imagined. I've just come home from the swell skating party the Student Council put on for us. It's so exciting meeting other classmates from other grade schools and the upperclassmen. That tall, handsome boy I skated with tonight is divine, and a Senior! I'd love to wear his school sweater just once.

It seems like ages ago since I was dreading initiation, and now it's all over. It wasn't bad at all! Lipstick comes right off (with plenty of elbow grease), and it was even funny to see my classmates running around with clothes on backwards and wrong side out.

With our advisors, Mr. Tom Young and Mr. E. E. Jeffers, everything's off to such a wonderful start, and I'm sure it's going to end too soon. But it is going to be fun every day of every year.

Jauneta Adkins  
Floyd Bohlen  
Ronald Brown





William Brown  
 Patty Burnett  
 Robert Clapp  
 Patty Clementz  
 Dixie Cler



Mary Louise Cole  
 Marie Cundiff  
 Francine Davis  
 Robert Early  
 Clark Ervin



Norma Lee Fisher  
 Emmett Fleming  
 Mary Lou Foster  
 Faye Fritz  
 Julian Gitzen



Lee Gonzalez  
 Shirley Greer  
 Ronald Holt  
 Margaret Howell  
 Ann Ludwig



Dick Madigan  
 Richard Miles  
 Robert Moore  
 Earnest Rademacher  
 Irine Schlueter



Gene Whitt  
 Arnold Wilken  
 Emma Wilken  
 Mary Ann Willard  
 Mildred Woodard



Absent:  
 Everett Kirby  
 Earl Olson  
 Shirley Turner







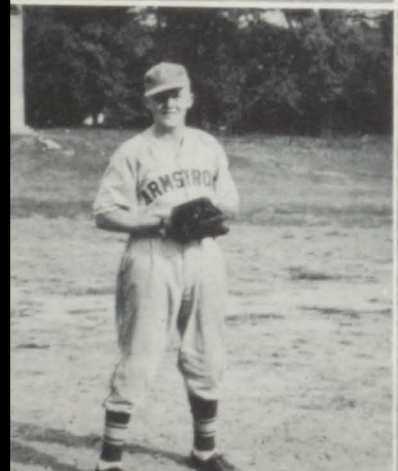
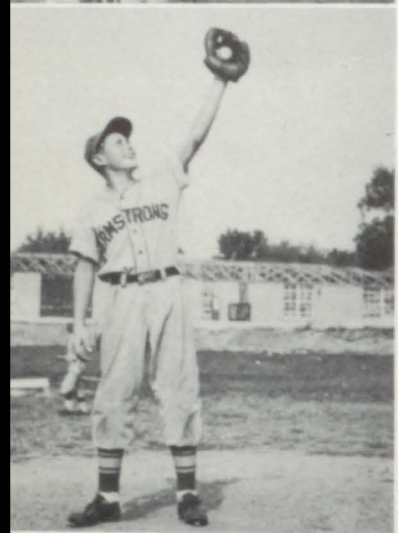
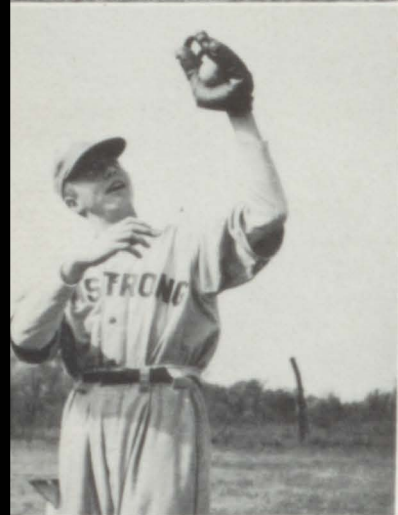
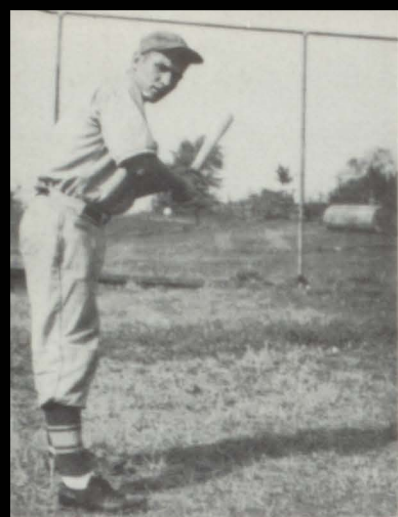


January 20, 1951

Dear Diary,

As per usual, Mr. Young wore  
his red tie to the basketball game





BASEBALL RECORD			
Armstrong	9	Bismarck	5
Armstrong	18	Rankin	3
Armstrong	5	Ogden	15
Armstrong	15	East Lynn	13
Armstrong	17	Henning	1
Armstrong	9	Potomac	3
Armstrong	13	Ogden	7

Ed James

Jim Wallace

Jon Ellis

John Fruhling

Larry Buck

Jerry Cain







Larry Plotner



Lee James

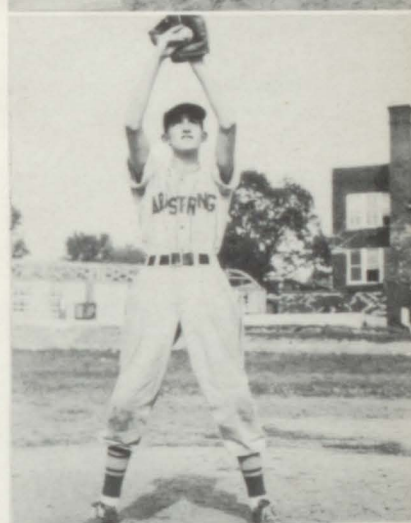


Ronnie Meitzler

Vernon Busboom

Dean Johnson

Tom Young, Coach



### Baseball Squad--Individual Record

	AB	Hits	%
Larry Buck (3b) . . . . .	5	1	.200
Vernon Busboom (p-3b) . . . .	24	8	.333
Jerry Cain (ss) . . . . .	23	4	.150
Jon Ellis (cf) . . . . .	24	8	.333
John Fruhling (p) . . . . .	13	1	.075
Ed James (1f) . . . . .	13	2	.154
Lee James (c) . . . . .	28	15	.536
Dean Johnson (1f) . . . . .	18	6	.333
Ronnie Meitzler (2b) . . . . .	26	8	.308
Larry Plotner (1b) . . . . .	21	7	.333
Jim Wallace (of) . . . . .	8	2	.250



# B A S E B A L L

Dear Diary,

We finished the baseball season with a good showing. Bismarck fell before us in the opening game of the year. Thus we set the pace and held it against all others--Rankin, East Lynn, Henning, Potomac--except for the fighting team of Ogden who defeated us by a score of 15-5. In the playoff for the championship of the North Vermilion County Conference, we pitted all our experience and teamwork against Ogden to win the trophy by a score of 13-7.

First Row: E. James; J. Wallace; J. Ellis; D. Johnson; L. Buck; J. Cain; R. Meitzler; J. Fruhling.  
Second Row: Coach Tom Young; R. Moore; K. Turner; L. James; L. Plotner; V. Busboom; E. Fleming.





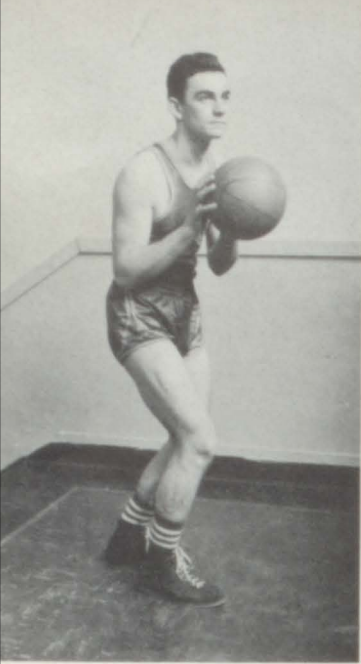


First Row: L. James; J. McClellan; C. Fisher; B. Vinson; F. Hilleary; B. Ault  
 Second Row: J. Cain; J. Whitt; P. Hesterberg; R. Meitzler; R. Hinners; Coach Tom Young

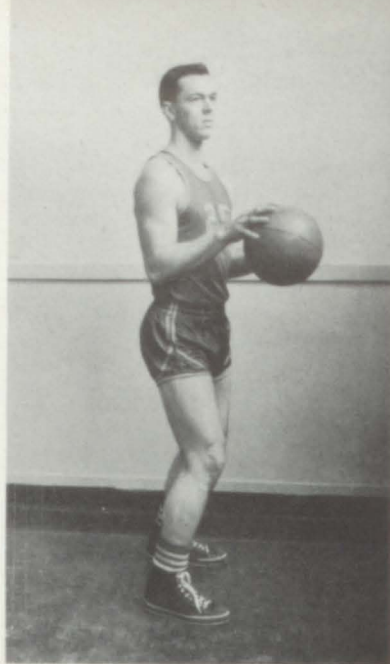
# B A S K E T B A L L

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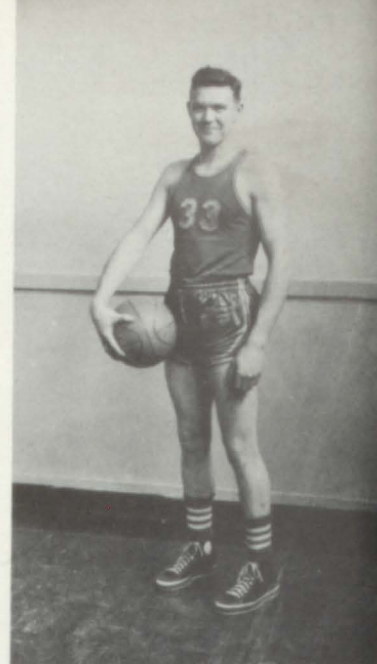
We will long remember this season in AHS's history as one of the very best. We started it with high hopes and good spirits. We saw our team defeated, but no one can say that Captain Bob Ault's team under Tom Young's brilliant coaching could not win or lose in a sportsmanlike manner. We won our share of games, and, in the end, we had one of our most well-balanced teams and one of our most successful seasons in basketball. We are very proud of the Trojans and of their coach.



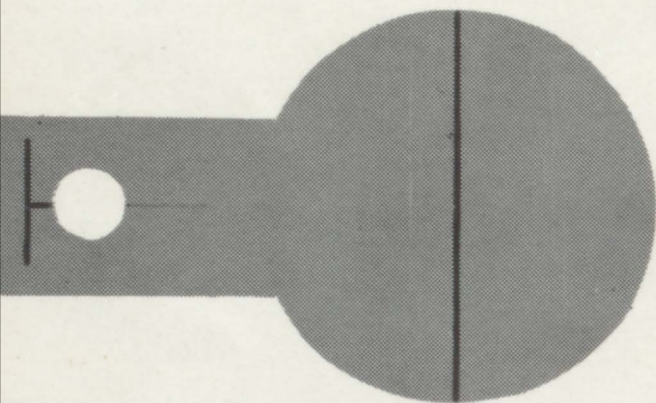
Jack McClellan



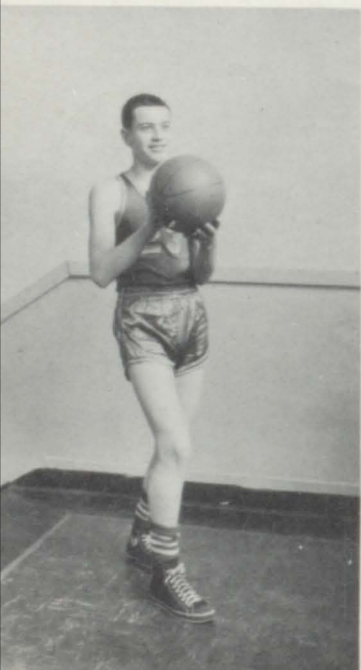
Bob Ault



Floyd Hilleary



Jerry Cain

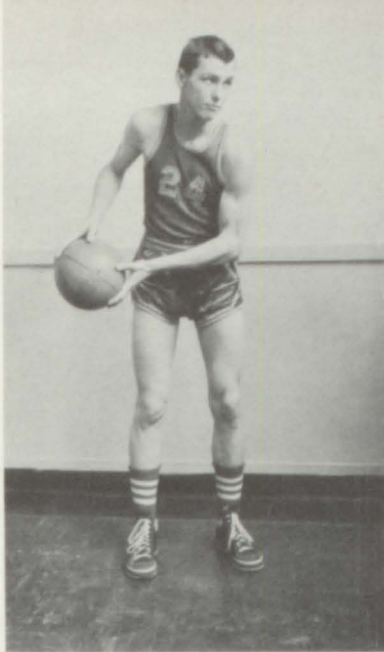


	Field Goals	Free Throws Attemp.	Free Throws Made	Free Throws Percent	Total Points
Ault, Bob	97	67	40	.597	234
Cain, Jerry	45	41	25	.609	115
Fisher, Carl	100	54	34	.629	234
Hesterberg, Paul	2	4	3	.750	7
Hilleary, Floyd	29	56	31	.553	89
James, Lee	92	136	83	.610	267
McClellan, Jack	33	36	19	.527	85
Meitzler, Ronnie	4	5	5	1000	13
Plotner, Larry	44	1	1	1000	9
Vinson, Bud	77	58	45	.775	199
Whitt, James	7	10	5	.500	19
Team Totals	490	468	291	.621	1271

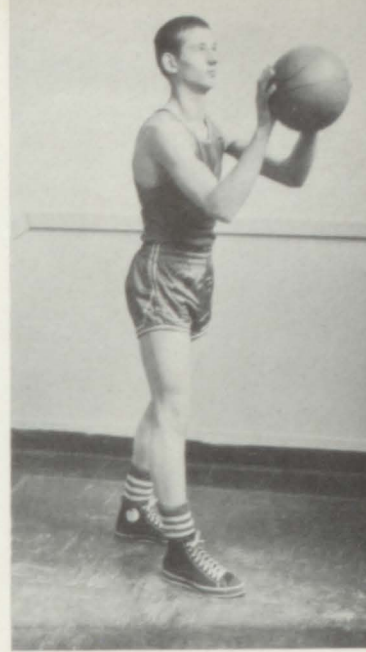




Carl Fisher



Bud Vinson



Lee James

#### SCHEDULED GAMES

Armstrong 42-----Rankin 48  
 Armstrong 51-----Potomac 33  
 Armstrong 38-----Rossville 41  
 Armstrong 46-----Bismarck 53  
 Armstrong 56-----East Lynn 53  
 Armstrong 56-----Henning 39  
 Armstrong 29-----Hoopeston 33  
 Armstrong 57-----Indianola 37  
 Armstrong 40-----Rankin 33  
 Armstrong 57-----Young America 41  
 Armstrong 54-----Oakwood 51  
 Armstrong 38-----Westville 41  
 Armstrong 60-----East Lynn 52  
 Armstrong 80-----Milford 48  
 Armstrong 39-----Oakwood 36  
 Armstrong 57-----Potomac 35  
 Armstrong 66-----Rossville 51  
 Armstrong 63-----Henning 32  
 Armstrong 60-----Bismarck 43  
 Armstrong 60-----Ogden 40

#### PAXTON TOURNEY

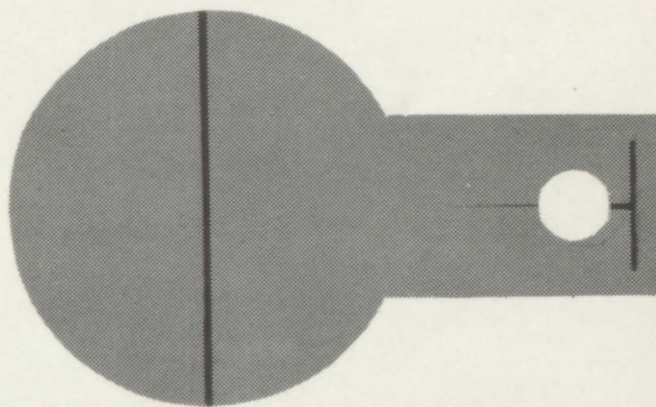
Armstrong 62-----Paxton 33  
 Armstrong 40-----Rankin 38  
 Armstrong 39-----Buckley 34

#### COUNTY TOURNEY

Armstrong 42-----East Lynn 47

#### REGIONAL

Armstrong 42-----Cissna Park 44



Jim Whitt



# RESERVE TEAM

Dear Diary,

I was just thinking about our reserve team. When my father went to school, they were called "curtain raisers" rather than the more dignified term "reserve squad."

You know, since a few nights ago was their last game of the season, I suppose all they have to look forward to is the routine of sitting on the bench and being guinea pigs for the first team to experiment with during Regional Tournament preparation.

Though they may not realize it, their moral support is very helpful and genuinely staunch. When they play on the first five they will understand how much assistance reserves give to a team other than being substitutes. This year's reserve squad is really something! They have a right to be proud of that .800 winning mark. I think even the varsity is envious of that record. I know I am.

And there's one other thing I have forgotten---their scrap. In all the scheduled and tournament games the first team have played, we have never met tougher nor more persistent opponents. Of course, the reserves weren't as good as the regular players of other schools, but just give them a little more time, and I think they'll produce a championship team which will "bring home the bacon."

First Row: Richard Miles; W. Brown; D. Madigan; R. Brown; G. Whitt; R. Holt.

Second Row: D. Buck; G. Wilbur; R. Fisher; P. Hesterburg; R. Early; A. Wilken; F. Buck; R. Ault; P. Curtis.





# C H E E R L E A D E R S

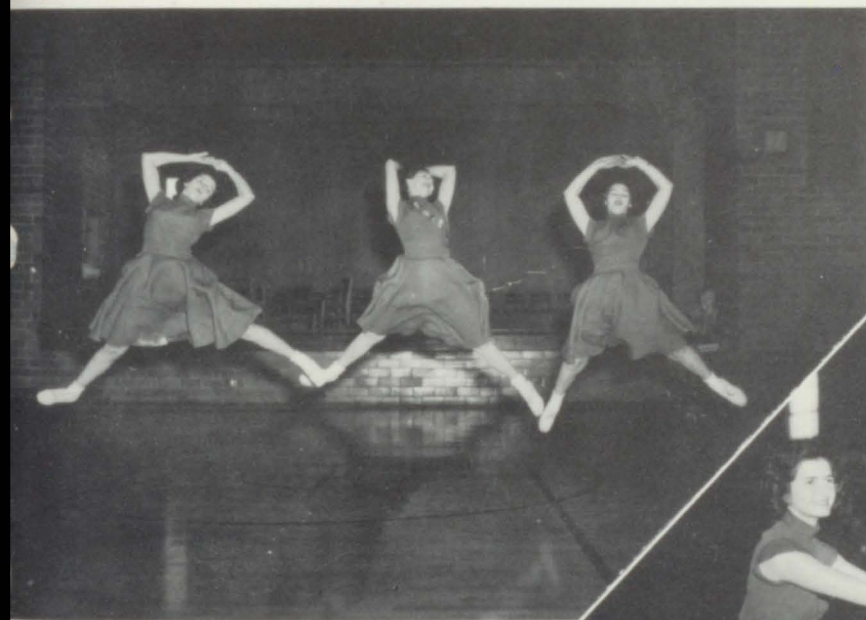


Gerry Hogue, Pat Jones, Evelyn Downing.

Dear Diary,

I believe the best medicine for a good team is a group of peppy cheerleaders, and Armstrong sure has them! Their infectious smiles and twinkling eyes can really pull many rousing cheers from the crowds.

You know, no one ever compliments the cheerleaders on the pep meetings they organize, and I for one really enjoy them--aside from the shortened periods they give us. Remember the recipe for a good basketball team which Mrs. Woodward told us? That was one of the best pep sessions we ever had!



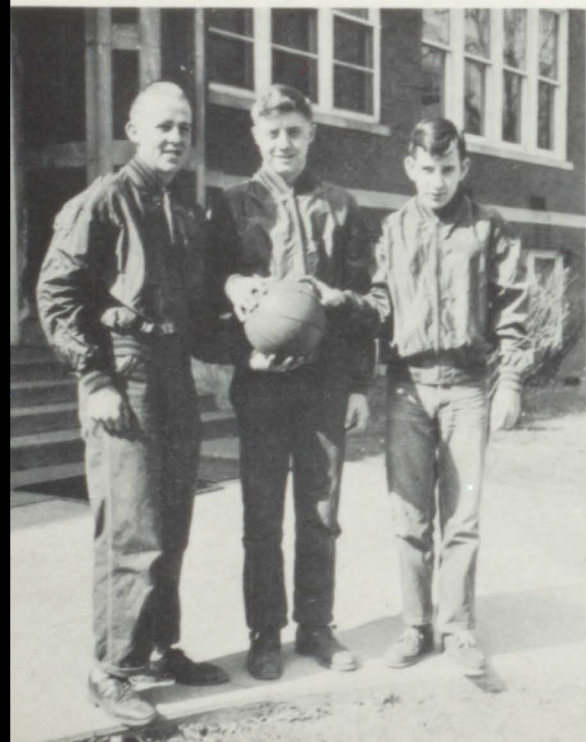
# T R O P H I E S

Dear Diary,

Today Mr. Young put the new basketball trophy in the Trophy Case. We've won two "firsts" this year. One was the baseball trophy of the North Vermilion County Conference, and the other was the basketball trophy of the Paxton Tourney. Armstrong Trojans have every right to be proud of them.



John Fruhling, Jim Wallace, Harold Millis.



Dear Diary,

ATHS really should take time to salute the managers of Armstrong's baseball and basketball teams. Although they don't appear in the headlines, it is their efficient handling of many menial tasks which lessen Mr. Young's worries and help to promote a smoothly functioning ball club. Even though I may never get around to saying this personally, I take my hat off in tribute to "the boys behind the boys who win the games."

# M A N A G E R S

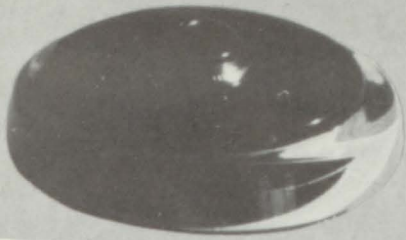












March 24, 1951

Dear Diary,

I got my new formal yesterday.  
I wish the Prom were right now, but  
I guess I'll have to wait until May  
the 3rd.





Carolyn Gitzen

Dear Diary,

Of all the beautiful, intelligent girls in the Senior class, one had to be chosen by the students and the faculty to be the winner of the DAR Award. Today when I read the bulletin board I learned that Carolyn Gitzen, who has had a 5.00 average throughout high school, won this coveted honor. You know, I have worked with Carolyn for four years, and I can honestly say that she deserves the award for her dependability, service, and leadership.

# D A R A W A R D

Dear Diary,

After lunch there is dancing down in Mr. Pemberton's room to the great music of records. The braver girls are attempting to show some of the more bashful boys how to dance. By the cries of agony and smashed toes, their efforts are seemingly going to waste. This recreation is sponsored by the Student Council which has done a lot this year to provide entertainment. They sponsored the Freshman Party and the Christmas and St. Valentine's Day dances. At the Freshman Party everything seemed to go wrong. There wasn't enough help at first. Then we had to go home to find a can opener and some knives to cut the buns. About two hours later everyone had eaten, and then there weren't enough skates. But the Student Council learned, and so the Christmas and Valentine's Day dances came off very smoothly. The decorations were gay and colorful, and the Dreambeats's music was sweet.

Seated: P. Clementz; B. Arnold; M. McClellan, Secretary; J. McClellan, President; B. Halcomb, Vice-President; E. Vaughn; P. Jones.  
Standing: W. Loschen; B. Hagan; Mr. Laurence; J. Whitt; V. Busboom.



# S T U D E N T C O U N C I L



# HONOR STUDENTS

Dear Diary,

It has always been my personal opinion, being of the masculine sex and prejudiced, that boys are smarter than girls. And, oddly enough, this fact seems to be verified. Of the top six honor students in the Senior class, five of them are boys. The averages total up as follows: Carolyn Gitzen, 5.00; Jack McClellan, 4.75; Bill Harper, 4.35; Wilbert Hovel, 4.25; Bud Vinson, 4.14; and Martin Frye, 4.07.

Dear Diary,

Oh, my aching back! It hurts almost as much as the day we went to Danville to sell ads. When it came my turn to have my Senior picture taken that day, it was almost a relief to sit down. I didn't even think about grueling days ahead of taking pictures at school and writing copy. The basketball pictures didn't turn out at all well, and they had to be taken over. And then the agonies of re-arranging the dummy and re-writing copy. I felt like a "dummy" myself

M. Frye; B. Vinson; W. Hovel; J. McClellan; C. Gitzen

# RESUME

Seated: B. Vinson; N. Cler; Miss Theurer; P. Ervin; D. Johnson.  
Standing: G. Rasmussen; V. Busboom; J. McClellan.





Standing: G. Brown; H. Hovel; J. Curtis;  
P. Watson; W. Hovel; L. Hilleary.  
Seated: C. Gitzen.

Dear Diary,

This year the fiction and biography departments of the library have been moved from their old location into the assembly. This made both a quieter library and more orderly study hall. There is a desk for the librarians in the assembly where they can check books in and out, see that the books are in their proper order, and take inventory. Mrs. Fisher, our librarian, has ordered more books with the additional allotment for the library fund. But, you know, I think we all miss the whispered conversations and chuckles over the cartoons which we had in the old library. This younger generation will never know what they are missing, but we Seniors know!

# LIBRARIANS



D. Johnson; K. Turner; J. Cundiff; P. Warren; P. Ervin; Mrs. Fisher.



# ROYAL

Seated: F. Hilleary; J. McClellan;  
P. Early.  
Standing: B. Chestnut; E. Bussard;  
N. Cler; J. Zindars; M. Buck.

Dear Diary,

What a racket we had in 4th hour English class today! Mrs. Fisher was assigning everyone an article to write for the school paper. As usual, everyone wanted to write the gossip. At times like this I feel like launching myself on anything but the career of a journalist.

Every month there is a last minute scramble as typists finish late articles and fill in empty spaces. Then there is the clamor of the student body asking when the paper is coming out.

As soon as the papers are passed out, everyone turns to the gossip page first. Sometimes I think teachers are at their wits' end when we pass the papers out in assembly. Last time Mr. Laurence finally gave up trying to get anyone to work and read the **Royal Purple** himself.

Well, I suppose I better get started writing that article, although it seems like just yesterday that I scribbled the one for the last paper.

Standing: G. Rasmussen; J. Wallace; B. Ault; L. James;  
C. Fisher; P. Watson; Miss Theurer; L. Buck.  
Seated: D. Johnson.



# PURPLE

Seated: B. Harper; E. Vaughn.  
Standing: B. Vinson; D. Kirby; D. Sjoken; C. Gitzen; L. Hilleary;  
E. Collins; Mrs. Fisher; E. Downing; B. Arnold.



# F H A

D. Weinard, Publicity Chairman; M. Buck, Degree Chairman; L. Frerichs, Reporter; B. Gordon, Treasurer; E. Vaughn, Parliamentarian; D. Moore, Reporter; A. Early, Secretary; S. Ellis, President.



Dear Diary,

Goodness! Today in the FFA meeting I happened to realize that the year is almost over. FFA has been so much fun this year! I remember the first of the year when sixteen frightened Freshmen were initiated. I was glad I wasn't in their shoes, although most of them were barefoot anyway. One girl even had to roll an onion across the floor with her nose! What a fate! Afterwards we had a hayride with the FFA boys. When we climbed onto the wagons it was the beginning of a lot of fun, plus several new romances.

In February the girls were formally initiated. They all wore white and received red roses. A ridiculous skit was put on by the Senior girls. It was so hilarious that I couldn't picture them as "Sophisticated Seniors."

Another activity I enjoyed was Secret Sister Week when each of us did a good deed for our "sister" every day. My! What a difficult time I had keeping my "sister" from discovering who I was.

Then there was the Rally at Rossville and the one at Rankin. And I can't forget how elated I was when Johannah Madigan was elected President of Section 15. Yes, we've had a lot of fun this year. I'll never forget it.





# FFA



Seated: P. Hesterberg, Vice-President;  
J. Ellis, President; L. James, Sentinel;  
B. Vinson, Secretary; H. Hovel, Treasurer.  
Standing: Mr. Evans.

Dear Diary,

It doesn't seem possible, but Mr. Evans says that our memberships have increased in the FFA. Many boys decided that since they would have a new building to work in, it would be ideal to join FFA. We members don't get by too easily, though, because we have to keep the shop as clean as a broom will get it.

We're planning a trip next summer. To take care of most of the cost, we sponsored a mixer and had a donkey basketball game. The girls were a scream trying to ride those mechanical donkeys which bucked and upset them. Gerry Hogue finally mastered one--winning "one buck" for first prize.



# B A N D

Dear Diary,

Gracious! I'm really worn out. I just got back from Band. We've been working so hard on the contest pieces that by another week I should know them backward as well as forward.

I stopped to talk to Mrs. Fisher about tomorrow's Latin assignment on the way to Band. It was so interesting that I talked a little too long, and the bell rang before I finished. Believe me, I certainly hurried then! It was really a wonder that Mr. Laurence didn't stop me for speeding in the hall!

As soon as I got to the gym I stuck my fingers in my ears. What a noise! It was hard to imagine that the band sounded that bad (even without me). Boy! Was it ever a relief to learn that they were only tuning up! When they really got started, it sounded much better, thank goodness!

Well, I suppose I'd better get busy on that Latin lesson. It seems to me that they told me something about assembly periods being used for studying when I was a lowly Freshman.







B. Chesnut; E. Downing; J. Zindars; Pat Warren; E. Collins; Peg Warren; B. Gordon; I. Schlueter; P. Rice.

# MAJORETTES

Dear Diary,

Oh, happy days are here again! Today we got our new baton suits. I thought they would never be finished. After all that measuring, I almost wondered if they were worth the trouble. They are, though.

Thank goodness we got them in time for the game tonight. The last time we twirled for a game I forgot my boots and had to wear my old loafers. At least they didn't rub blisters on my heels like my boots do. I remember the Sweet Corn Festival when we had to march so far. For a long while after that I felt like wearing my nice, soft house slippers.

Well, I suppose I'd better go primp up to show off that new suit--and get some more blisters!

# GIRLS GLEE CLUB

(Opposite)

Seated: L. Cornell.

First Row: Mrs. Stephens; V. Fleming; N. Busboom; J. Gitzen; F. Bohlen; R. Hinners;  
H. Evans; D. Madigan; W. Brown; E. Fleming.

Second Row: R. Murrell; R. Fisher; L. Hilleary; F. Hilleary; P. Hesterburg; J. Wallace;  
W. Loschen; S. Halcomb; R. Holt.

(Below)

First Row: E. Vaughn; S. Greer; P. Clementz; B. Halcomb; D. Cler; A. Addy; M. Howell;  
B. Arnold; F. Davis; F. Fritz; M. Willard; N. Cler; M.E. Buck.

Second Row: Mrs. Stephens; M.L. Foster; B. Buck; B. Gordon; L. Schlueter; C. Gitzen;  
E. Downing; B. Chesnut.

Third Row: J. Zindars; E. Collins; G. Hogue; A. Ludwig; R. Fletcher; L. Frerichs; M.  
Buck; R. Bruns; L. Bush; P. Rice; P. Jones; E. Wilken; I. Schlueter; N.L. Fisher.







# BOYS GLEE CLUB

Dear Diary,

Oh! I'm so tired that I hardly feel like writing. We had operetta practice until so late tonight. Come to think of it, I guess I've never told you about our operetta. The name of it is "The Gypsy Troubador." Lloyd Hilleary is the hero and Gerry Hogue plays Rosita, the girl who finally recaptures his heart. Paul Hesterberg is the fortune teller of the tribe who boasts continually that he is "a very remarkable man." I had the giggles tonight watching him try to sneeze when he is supposed to catch hey fever.

All the people in the Boys and Girls Glee Clubs are gypsies. Their songs and dances really sounded good tonight. I hope we do as well when we actually put it on. The big night is Friday, April 13--April 13, good heavens! I just realized that it's only one more week. I guess I'd better settle down and learn that dance I don't know. Oh, well, I'll do that the first thing in the morning, but right now I'll get a little shut-eye. Well, as Mary would say, "Nood Gight!"

# LUNCHROOM

Irene Moffett, Goldia Wilson



Dear Diary,

Today the funniest thing happened. Miss Theurer's watch was wrong and she dismissed the assembly ten minutes early! Man and boy! You almost get killed when that hungry horde of starving Trojans race to the lunchroom. Mom says it sure is a relief not having to pack a lunch in the morning. Do you know, Mrs. Moffet says they feed about 120 students a day! And you sure can make an impression on a girl if you're lucky enough to sit next to her at lunch. Sometimes I think the girls like to sit together just to gossip--they ya-ta-ta, ya-ta-ta, ya-ta-ta all the time. Of course, we boys cover just as much and eat too. Then we're off to dance in Mr. Pemberton's room or play a little volley ball before those dames find out what Jeanie was wearing Saturday night. Girls!





# AG & INDUSTRIAL ARTS



Dear Diary,

Say, it is rumored around school that there is another case of love at first sight--Mr. Evans and the new Ag. Shop. I don't blame him. There's so much room that everyone can work comfortably, and the tools are so new and shiny they are a joy to use. We're going to have open house in a few weeks, and I can just see the boys showing off before all the girls. Can't you just see Bob Ault or Jon Ellis teaching Miss Theurer and Mrs. Fisher to weld? Boy. I'll bet that will be a mess!

Dear Diary,

Never trust electricity! It can hurt you when you don't realize it, as Carl Fisher found out yesterday. He was shocked, so to speak, while working on switches in Industrial Arts. Mr. Jeffers just laughed and then it was noontime, and there was a mad scramble to reach the lunchroom. Poor Ronnie Meitzler, who was sweeping up the debris, was left holding the broom while the others went to feed their faces!



# SPEECH CONTEST

Dear Diary,

Today I talked to some of the speech contestants. They were hurrying around trying to find time to learn their speeches. Some of them are really good. Barbara Halcomb read hers to me. It is classed as humorous, and I would call it funny in a BIG way. Gerry Hogue's and Louise Schlueter's are both very serious, and I think all three girls have a good chance of going places. Miss Theurer feels that way, too.

They seem to be enjoying their speeches so much that I almost wish I'd gone out too. Oh, well! Public speaking is one of those many things which is not down my alley, so I'll just sit back and listen to the others. If I got up there my knees would knock so loudly that no one could hear me talking anyway.

Seated: M. E. Buck; E. Vaughn; S. Ellis; G. Hogue; B. Halcomb.  
Standing: L. Schlueter; B. Buck; J. Madigan; S. Halcomb;  
V. Fleming.

Dear Diary,

Tonight was the last night of the Junior Play. Whew! You can't say we didn't work on that. It was "Grandad Steps Out", and Doc Brown added a good many years to his age to fill the part. He was very convincing and almost persuaded us he couldn't stand by himself. I guess he's discarded his feebleness, though, from the way he was jumping around backstage after it was all over.

Donna was, if you'll pardon the expression, a scream. No one could keep a straight face watching her. Ronnie was an honest-to-goodness rancher, and Richard played his part as a poor detective very well.

Everyone did marvelously both nights, and I must say, although we may never make a fortune in Hollywood, we had fun. That goes for practice, too.

Seated: R. Hinners; G. Hogue; L. Schlueter; R. Murrell; M. McClellan; P. Jones.  
Standing: C. Brown; R. Meitzler; E. Hovel; S. Halcomb;  
S. Ellis; D. Weinard.



# JUNIOR PLAY



Dear Diary,

Well, I guess this is the last time I'll be writing to you. The year is almost over and graduation is so near. Goodness! I thought it never would get here. You probably won't believe it, but I wish I could spread these last few days out and make them last for a long, long time.

It hardly seems possible! Just think, four years ago I was a confused and slightly frightened Freshman. Now here I am four years later, an uncertain and **very** confused Senior. I don't know what worries me. It must be the uncertainty of the future in this hard world, and I must admit it's going to be rather difficult to leave the familiar security of high school.

Not long from now the class will be breaking up and everyone will go his own way. Some will work, others will go on to school, and many will do other things. It'll probably seem odd to you, after the way I complained about school a few months ago, but there are many things I'd like to do over again. For instance, I'll always remember going boating at school picnics and the Shakespearian dramas we attended at the U. of I. Oh yes! There was always mistletoe at Christmas dances. And I'll never forget the excitement the Prom always brought. And then, there were Mr. Pemberton's surprise tests, and how could I ever forget how careful he was to keep us from marking on his desks. Let's hope we always remember to have respect for other people's property.

Also I'll miss so many little things. I always used to stand in the window of the English room and watch the boys raise the flag. Occasionally a slight patriotic spirit came over me, but most of the time my mind was a blank. Now I always think of Marvin. Tomorrow morning he'll be leaving for the Air Force. My! How I hate to see him go! You're probably wondering why I think of him at flag raising. Well, the other night in the movies some 4-H boys were hoisting a flag and he said he was going into the Air Force so they would have the right to keep doing that. When I think about this conflict in the world, I am confused, and I keep asking myself, "Why, why, why?" There must be a reason for all this trouble. Probably several boys from our class will go into the service, and although I dread to see them go, just the same, I'm proud that they feel that special obligation to their country and I'm glad there is an Old Glory for them to fight for. Maybe all this strife will end before long, and yet, maybe not. Who knows what the future holds?

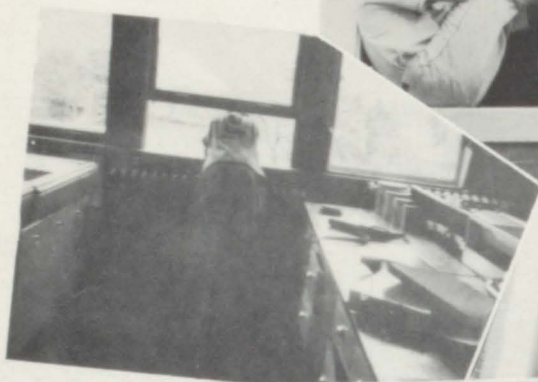
Perhaps the reason I am confused is because everything has always been planned out for me. Now I'll have to do my own planning. Oh well! I suppose I shouldn't be too despondent. Other people have been doing it for a long time.

Well, I guess I'd better crawl into bed if I want to be rested to see Marvin off to keep Old Glory flying, as he puts it. Good bye, dear Diary. It has been nice to write to you, and I hope all our class can look back on these care-free high school days and say, "Yes, those were the beginning of the best years of my life."

Tom Buck, Jim Morris, Bill Harper, Jack McClellan, Charles Brown.








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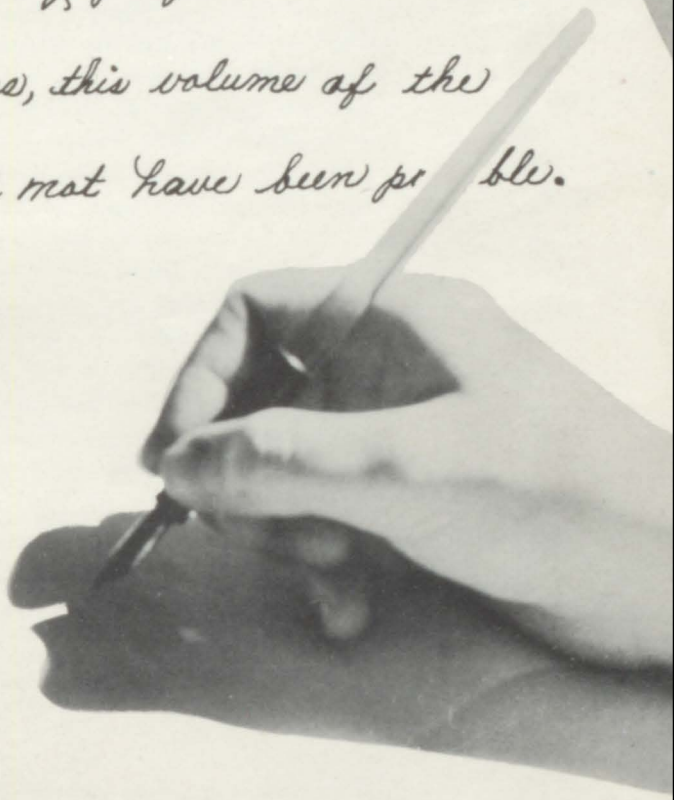




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